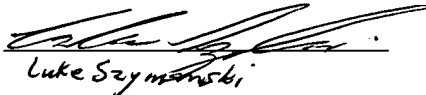




**PATENT**

**Attorney Docket No.: A-72315-1/DJB/THR**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<p>In re application of:</p> <p>Hermessec et al</p> <p>Serial No.: 10/823,523</p> <p>Filing Date: April 12, 2004</p> <p>Intl. Filing Date: November 30, 2001</p> <p>Title: WOOD PRODUCTS AND PROCESSES FOR THE PREPARATION THEREOF</p>	<p>Group Art Unit: 1733</p> <p>Examiner: To be assigned</p> <p><b><u>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</u></b></p> <p><b><u>UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 - FIRST CLASS MAIL</u></b></p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the sufficient postage with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on:</p> <p>October 25, 2004</p> <p>Signed:  Luke Szymanski</p>
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application please enter the amendments and consider the remarks made herein.

Applicant believes that no fees are due in association with this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-2319 (Our File A-72315-1/DJB/THR (461124-0095)).

Please amend the above- captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.